



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2009



The general meeting of June 8, 2009 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Barron, Carlos C. Haagen, Betty
Beasley, Arlene "Phoebe" Karabian, Laurel
Benitez, Tomas Ruano, Araceli
Blanning, Ollie Warschaw, Hope
Brooks, Aurelia Wyman, Rosalind
Clausen, Alis
Galperson, Judy

Absent: Lesnik, Peter (excused)
Lyte, Marjorie (excused)
Rosen, Ronald (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Dushyant Bala, Administrative Services Manager
Rebecca Banyas, Interim Director of Civic Art
Emiko Ono, Director and Grants and Professional Development

Also Present: Maria Luisa de Herrera

President Ruano called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Clausen, seconded by Commissioner Barrón, the excused absences for the meeting of June 8, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Wyman, seconded by Commissioner Barrón, the minutes for the meeting of May 11, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

None.

President's Items

President Ruano appointed the following Commissioners to serve as liaisons to program areas.

Ollie Blanning, Arts Internship
Phoebe Beasley, Holiday Celebration
Betty Haagen, Arts Education

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Zucker introduced a new staff member, Mr. Dushyant Bala, Administrative Services Manager.

Ms. Zucker gave an update on the budget and reported the Internship program is still slated for elimination in FY 09/10, Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas is planning to make a motion to support the program in final budget changes in June.

Ms. Zucker polled the Commissioners on the whether or not to host a grantee reception this year given the economic climate. Commissioners agreed that maintaining a networking opportunity for grantees to convene is worthwhile if corporate sponsorship is available. Commissioner Clausen said she would inquire about possible support from Edison.

Civic Art Committee

Commissioner Barrón reported the Civic Art Committee met on May 11, 2009 and approved the Resource List of Pre-qualified Artists 2009-2011 and established a procedure for Commissioner's participation on the selection panel for future resource lists.

Maria Luisa de Herrera, a panel representative, spoke about the process used in selecting the artists and congratulated the Commission on a significant public art program for the County of Los Angeles.

Civic Art Policy Revisions

Rebecca Banyas, Interim Director of Civic Art, gave an overview of key policy revisions as outlined in the memo dated May 26, 2009 (see attached).

A motion was made by Commissioner Warschaw, seconded by Commissioner Clausen, to approve the revised Civic Art Policy as presented and return the policy for consideration if the Chief Executive Office makes significant changes to what has been approved. The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Warshaw, Clausen, Barrón, Beasley, Blanning, Benitez, Brooks, Galperson, Haagen, Karabian, Ruano, and Wyman.

Jazz Bakery Request to Modify FY09/10 OGP Grant Award

Emiko Ono, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of Jazz Bakery's FY08/09 grant ward and their request to modify their second year grant to redirect funds from artistic capacity to organizational capacity due to the loss of their lease with the Helms Bakery.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karabian, seconded by Commissioner Warschaw, to approve the redirection of grant funds for Jazz Bakery for their second year. The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Karabian, Warschaw, Barrón, Beasley, Blanning, Benitez, Brooks, Clausen, Galperson, Haagen, Ruano, and Wyman.

FY09/10 – FY10/11 Grant Award Recommendations

Emiko Ono gave an overview of the FY09/10 OGP grant award recommendations and reviewed the memo dated May 27, 2009 (attached).

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Warschaw, seconded by Commissioner Barrón, to approve the grant award recommendations as presented for OGP I (see attached). Ayes: Commissioners Warshaw, Barrón, Beasley, Blanning, Brooks, Clausen, Galperson, Haagen, Karabian, Ruano, and Wyman. Abstain: Commissioner Benitez.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blanning, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, and unanimously approved to approve the grant award recommendations for OGP II as presented (see attached). Ayes: Commissioners Blanning, Benitez, Barrón, Beasley, Brooks, Clausen, Galperson, Haagen, Karabian, Ruano, Warsaw, and Wyman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrón, seconded by Commissioner Galperson, to approve the grant award recommendations for OGP 2.5 as presented (see attached). Ayes: Commissioners Barrón, Galperson, Beasley, Blanning, Brooks, Clausen, Haagen, Karabian, Ruano, Warschaw, and Wyman. Abstain: Commissioner Benitez.

A motion was made by Commissioner Warschaw, seconded by Commissioner Barrón, to approve the grant award recommendations for OGP III as amended and make up the difference for organizations receiving a decrease from previous 07/08 grant with \$29,000 of the available remaining OGP balance of \$56,000. The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Warschaw, Barrón, Beasley, Clausen, Blanning, Galperson, Haagen, Karabian, and Ruano. Against: Benitez. Abstain: Commissioners Brooks and Wyman.

A motion was made Commissioner Benitez, seconded by Commissioner Barrón, to allocate the remaining balance of \$27,500 to organizations that have moved from OGP I to OGP II and distribute the balance beginning with the highest scoring organization until the balance is drawn down and Hands for Hope receives a partial allocation (see attached). The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Barrón, Beasley, Blanning, Brooks, Clausen, Galperson, Karabian, Ruano, Warschaw, and Wyman.

NEA Sub-granting Ad Hoc Committee

Emiko Ono reported the Arts Commission applied to the National Endowment for the Arts for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to support grants to arts organizations to maintain jobs. Notification of the awards is scheduled in late June and if the Arts Commission receives funding it will be required to turn around a grant application process and awards by September 2009.

President Ruano appointed Commissioners Benitez, Beasley, Galperson, Lesnik or Karabian, and Blanning to serve on an NEA Ad Hoc Committee to review and expedite the grant process to satisfy the NEA timeline by September 2009.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Benitez congratulated the Ford on the successful art lecture event on Diego Rivera by Gregorio Luke.

President Ruano reported she attended the Heart Project Gala on May 28, 2009 which honored Phoebe Beasley.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of June 8, 2009 was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Wyman, seconded by Commissioner Ruano, and unanimously approved.